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For the 1994 annual session of the Executive Board to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 2 to 6 May 1994

SUMMARY

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the 1994 annual session of the Executive Board. The annex provides the proposed timetable for the session.

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed timetable are shown below. Both take into account Executive Board decision 1994/R.1/2 on the calendar of meetings and the allocation of items for 1994, adopted by the Board at its first regular session of 1994 held from 23 to 25 February this year, as well as other relevant decisions. They also reflect the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on further measures for restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields as it affects the Executive Board.

2. For the first time at its annual session, the Executive Board will consider agenda items requiring action from the beginning of the session, dispensing with the general debate held in previous years. Four agenda items of a broader nature and that are interlinked will be considered as a cluster. Efforts have been made to cluster related agenda items for more efficient use of time. Delegations are expected to focus on the items under consideration in their interventions.

3. In line with Executive Board decision 1994/R.1/1, most documents contain draft decisions for action by the Board. Also in accordance with decision 1994/R.1/1, summary records have been abolished.

4. In view of the fact that most documents were already prepared and document symbols allotted at the time of the adoption of decision 1994/R.1/1, the length of the documents for the second regular session and the documents bearing E/ICEF/P/L. and E/ICEF/AB/L. symbols for the former Committees could not be altered. Documentation for the third regular session, in September 1994, will duly reflect this decision of the Board.

5. Time has been allocated for informal drafting sessions, if necessary. Delegations are reminded of the following procedures decided by the Executive Board governing the submission and consideration of draft proposals in addition to those contained in the documentation: (a) the Chairman of the Board shall announce deadlines for submission of draft proposals to ensure sufficient time for translation and negotiations, bearing in mind the 24-hour rule; (b) deadlines for submission of draft proposals under each agenda item should be announced during the first day of each session of the Board in order to enable delegations to prepare draft proposals in a timely manner; (c) to the extent possible, deadlines for draft proposals should be set in connection with the discussion of the relevant agenda item but no later than two days before the end of the session; and (d) the Chairman of the Board will send proposals that do not enjoy consensus and, therefore, require more thorough examination, to open-ended informal consultations.

6. For efficient use of time and better organization of work, delegations are requested to convey their intention to speak on each item/cluster as soon as possible to the secretariat. At an appropriate point, the Chairman will declare such lists of speakers closed.

7. During the annual session, three informal briefings will be organized from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. as follows: mid-decade goals (3 May), basic education (4 May) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (5 May).

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the session and statement by the Chairman of the Executive Board

The Annual Session will commence with a statement by the Chairman of the Board.

2. Statement by the Executive Director

This major statement will also serve to introduce the report of the Executive Director (E/ICEF/1994/2 (Part I, Part II and Add.1)).

3. Adoption of the provisional agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with decision 1994/R.1/2 and other relevant decisions.

4. Report of the Executive Director

5. Medium-term plan, including the financial medium-term plan, for the period 1994-1997

6. Progress report on the follow-up to the World Summit for Children

7. Ensuring child survival, protection and development in Africa

Agenda items 4 to 7, which are of a broader nature and have interlinkages, will be taken up as a cluster for consideration and action, as necessary. Before the restructuring of the Board, the programmatic objectives of the medium-term plan were considered by the Programme Committee while the financial plan was discussed in the Committee on Administration and Finance.

The relevant reports for items 4 to 7 are contained in documents E/ICEF/1994/2 (Part I, Part II and Add.1), E/ICEF/1994/3, E/ICEF/1994/12 and E/ICEF/1994/L.4, respectively. These items are included in the agenda in accordance with decisions of previous sessions of the Board.

8. Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls: a policy review

This item is included on the basis of a request by the Board in 1993 that the Executive Director prepare a report on the UNICEF policy on the advancement of women and girls. The Board also requested that the report discuss the UNICEF contribution to the Fourth World Conference on Women.

The relevant policy review is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/L.5.

9. UNICEF and the World Summit for Social Development

At its 1993 session, the Board requested a report on the UNICEF contribution to the World Summit for Social Development. It is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/L.8.

The reports on items 8 and 9, which relate, inter alia, to the two major upcoming global conferences, will be taken up together for consideration and action, as necessary.

10. Emergency operations, including the issue of land-mines

The report on emergency operations, which is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/11, discusses the issue of land-mines. Advocacy and other aspects of the issue relevant to UNICEF will also be addressed in statements by the secretariat and the distribution of existing reports. Regional reports and relevant country programme recommendations also address emergency operations.

In accordance with the explanatory statements made at the time of the adoption of decision 1994/R.1/7 on the Emergency Programme Fund (EPF), the Board may consider it appropriate to undertake a review of EPF under this item. Document E/ICEF/1994/11 contains relevant updated information on EPF to facilitate such a review.

11. Progress report and lessons learned from evaluations and studies in UNICEF

The report on this item is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/L.3.

12. Analysis of the responses received on the issues covered in the multi-donor evaluation and results of the open-ended working group

The analysis is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/L.7. The report of the open-ended working group on follow-up to the multi-donor evaluation, as called for in Executive Board decision 1993/6, will be presented to the Board with appropriate recommendations.

As items 11 and 12 relate mainly to evaluation, these will be taken up together for consideration and action, as necessary, by the Board.

13. Issues for discussion at the Economic and Social Council

In view of the special role of the Economic and Social Council and its relationship with funds and programmes of the United Nations, 48/162, the Executive Board may discuss issues of common concern which could be recommended for consideration at the session of the Economic and Social Council to be held in June-July 1994. The UNICEF secretariat will make a presentation introducing the subject.

14. Adoption of decisions

15. Other business

16. Concluding remarks and closure of the session

The Chairman of the Board and the Executive Director will make concluding statements followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

Suggested timetable and order of business for the 1994 annual session of the Executive Board, 2-6 May 1994

Monday, 2 May		
10 a.m.-11 a.m.	Item 1:	Opening of the session and statement by the Chairman
	Item 2:	Statement by the Executive Director
	Item 3:	Adoption of provisional agenda and organization of work
11 a.m.-1 p.m.		Consideration of the following items as a cluster:
	Item 4:	Report of the Executive Director (Parts I and II)
	Item 5:	Medium-term plan (1994-1997) including financial plan
	Item 6:	Progress report on follow-up to the World Summit for Children
	Item 7:	Ensuring child survival, protection and development in Africa
3 p.m.-6 p.m.		Continuation of discussion on items 4, 5, 6 and 7
Tuesday, 3 May		
10 a.m.-10.15 a.m.		Statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
10.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		Continuation of discussion on items 4, 5, 6 and 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.		Consideration of following items:
	Item 8:	Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls: a policy review
	and	
	Item 9:	UNICEF and the World Summit for Social Development
		Statement by the Secretary-General of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Wednesday, 4 May		
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.		Statement by the Chairman of the Standing Group of National Committees for UNICEF Statement by the Chairman of Global Staff Association of UNICEF Statement by the President of the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on UNICEF
10.30 a.m.-11 a.m.		Executive Director's response to issues raised during consideration of items 4, 5, 6 and 7
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 10:	Emergency operations, including the issue of land-mines Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs
3 p.m.-4 p.m.		Continuation of discussion on item 10
4 p.m.-6 p.m.		Consideration of following items:
	Item 11:	Progress report and lessons learned from evaluations and studies in UNICEF
	and	
	Item 12:	Analysis of the responses received on the issues covered in the multi-donor evaluation and results of the open-ended working group Report and draft proposal submitted by the Chairman of the Open-ended Working Group on the multi-donor evaluation of UNICEF
Thursday, 5 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Informal consultation on draft decisions
3 p.m.-6 p.m.		Informal consultation on draft decisions

Friday, 6 May

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 13:	Issues for discussion at the Economic and Social Council, including implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/199 on operational activities for development
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 14:	Adoption of decisions
	Item 15:	Other business
	Item 16:	Concluding remarks and closure of the session